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SUBJECT: AFGHAN/PAK RELATIONS

1. AFGHAN AMB MALIKYAR PAID POST-COUP COURTESY CALL ON ASST SECY SISCO AUGUST 3. SCHIFFERDECKER, NEA/PAB SAT IN.
2. AFTER EXCHANGE AMENITIES AND BRIEF DISCUSSION NEW CABINET (ON WHICH MALIKYAR HAD LITTLE INFORMATION), SISCO STATED USG'S POSTURE TOWARD AFGHANISTAN REMAINS ONE OF FRIENDSHIP, INTEREST IN SEEING COUNTRY DEVELOP ECONOMICALLY, AND OVERALL DESIRE FOR PEACE IN REGION. IN LATTER CONNECTION, HE NOTED PRESIDENT DAUD'S INITIAL STATEMENT ON PUSHTUNISTAN. HE SAID WE HAVE HEARD SUBSEQUENTLY THROUGH AMBASSADOR NEUMANN'S MEETINGS WITH DAUD AND NAJIB THAT GOA INTENDED TO PURSUE THIS QUESTION PEACEFULLY. WE WELCOME THIS ASSURANCE OF GOA'S PEACEFUL INTENTIONS AND HAD TOLD GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN (IN SISCO-SULTAN KHAN CONVERSATIONS) OF GOA'S VIEWS AS EXPRESSED TO US. HE ADDED THAT USG TAKES NEW REGIME AT ITS WORD AND WILL BE WATCHING WHAT IT DOES ON THIS PROBLEM.
3. SISCO ALSO NOTED THAT POLICY OF PEACE WITH NEIGHBORS WOULD BE IN AFGHANISTAN'S INTEREST, IN THAT IT WOULD CREATE CONDITIONS FAVORABLE FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION. HE CITED AS EXAMPLES AFGHAN NEED TO MAINTAIN ACCESS TO SEA AND PAKISTAN'S INTEREST IN HELPING DEVELOP AFGHANISTAN'S MINERAL POTENTIAL.
4. AMB MALIKYAR EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR SISCO'S FRANKNESS AND SAID HE FELT SURE NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD WANT TO PURSUE POLICY OF PEACEFUL COOPERATION WITH NEIGHBORS. HE NOTED THAT DAUD HAD NOT ELABORATED ON HIS INITIAL POLICY STATEMENT ON PUSHTUNISTAN (DESPITE PRESS REPORTS WHICH IMPLIED CONTRARY.)

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IMPLIED CONTRARY). HE ACKNOWLEDGED NEED TO COOPERATE WITH NEIGHBORS AND CITED HELMAND WATERS TREATY WITH IRAN AS EXAMPLE OF PROBLEM SOLVED IN ATMOSPHERE OF UNDERSTANDING. HE ADDED THAT HE PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH PRESIDENT DAUD AND THAT BY NATURE PRESIDENT IS MAN WHO SPEAKS HIS MIND WHEN HE WANTS SOMETHING (IMPLYING THAT HE SERIOUS ABOUT PUSHTUNISTAN), BUT THAT HE ALSO KEEPS HIS WORD.

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5. SUBSEQUENT TO MEETING, KALIKYAR TOOK NOTES AND INDICATED HE WAS REPORTING CONVERSATION TO KABUL. HE COULD NOT CONFIRM RUMOR (KABUL 5777) THAT AFGHAN AMBASSADORS HAVE BEEN RECALLED TO KABUL.

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